

study of the methods of design and construction of school buildings and investigate the possibility of using new techniques of construction and design as a means of reducing school building costs.

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(Senate Joint Resolution 87)

Senate Joint Resolution expressing the concern of the General Assembly as to the quality and availability of comprehensive health care for the citizens of our State and nation, and to request the Federal Government to correct the inadequacies and inequities of the reimbursement formulas in effect regarding present health care programs.

WHEREAS, The Social Security Act, Titles XIX and XVIII, (known as the programs of Medicare and Medicaid) has been established to purchase health services for a segment of the Maryland citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The definitions of reasonable costs included in these programs do not recognize the full financial requirements of health care institutions; and

WHEREAS, These programs appear to be more concerned with artificial cost limits than in providing needed care which is comprehensive and effective; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this State are in effect subsidizing the actual cost of medical care for beneficiaries of these programs because of inequitable reimbursement formulas in effect; and

WHEREAS, These programs do not fulfill the promise of health care as a right; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the members of the General Assembly express their concern with the quality and availability of health care to our citizens; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States, the U. S. Congress and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare recognize the problems of providing adequate health care for the citizens of this State and nation in order to correct the inequities of the present systems of payment for this care so as to meet the legitimate needs of our citizens and provide for a more equitable distribution of responsibility between the State Government and the Federal Government for underwriting the cost of quality, comprehensive health care; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State send copies of this Resolution under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and to the members of the Maryland delegation in the Senate and House of Representatives in the U. S. Congress.

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